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Prized provider



Waynette Williamson, Randolph's Family Child Care Provider of the Year, plays with Connor Oswald. Ms. Williamson was recognized as the provider of the year during a ceremony May 5. Eighteen FCC providers are on base. The FCC program provides regular, part-time and hourly care available Monday through Sunday including nights and weekends. The providers offer developmentally appropriate activities for children up to age 12. For more information on becoming a provider, call 652-3668. (Photo by Steve White)

Six receive Air Force mission support awards

By Tech. Sgt. James Brabenec
Air Force Personnel Center
and Bob Hieronymus
Wingspread staff writer

The Air Force recently announced the winners of the 2004 Mission Support Awards. Six Randolph people are included in the list of winners.

Maj. Yancey Cowen, chief of the casualty services branch at the Air Force Personnel Center, received the Outstanding Personnel Manager of the Year Award. Major Cowen embodied the branch's commitment to excellence as he directed operations for 264 casualty notification teams involving more than 300 casualties and \$29

million in benefits, according to his nomination package. He also excelled in deployed locations where he commanded a headquarters deployed military personnel flight team responsible for the care of more than 900 troops. Major Cowen also created a three-tier mass casualty contingency plan to handle 100 cases in 24 hours.

Rhonda Flores, an AFPC human resources supervisor, received the Air Staff Program Manager of the Year Award. She directed the Palace Compass Academy that developed functional and technical human resource training. According to her nomination package, under her leadership, the academy provided personnel training for more than 2,000 personnel. Featuring on-site

training, she saved more than \$16,000 in correspondence course and vendor training programs. Ms. Flores became a certified Development Dimensions International instructor and trained more than 60 civilian management team members and 290 employees.

The Air Force selected AFPC Senior Master Sgt. Saint Carter Jr., as its senior enlisted Education and Training Manager of the Year Award recipient. According to his nomination package, the superintendent of the Air Force Education and Training Branch was recognized for his career field-related training program guidance to more than 1,200 education and training managers and 120 Air Force career field managers. He helped shape Air Force policies that

affected enlisted training for more than 370,000 Airmen. He also volunteered with community service organizations, including AFPC's Angel Tree initiative that provided holiday gifts to children of junior enlisted Airmen.

The Air Force recognized Mark Watford as its senior civilian Education and Training Manager of the Year award winner. Mr. Watford, a training manager in the AFPC Palace Compass Academy, assessed more than 500 Directorate of Civilian Personnel employees to determine organization training and produced a comprehensive training forecast that enabled the directorate to receive \$100,000 in training money,

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12th FLYING TRAINING WING TRAINING TIMELINE

As of Monday			Navigator, EWO training				Wing Flying Hour Program			
Squadron	Senior Class	Overall	562nd FTS	563rd FTS			Aircraft	Required	Flown	Annual
99th FTS	3.0	1.3	Air Force	220	Undergraduate	40	T-1A	7184.0	7299.2	12,184
558th FTS	0.8	-0.2	Navy	56	International	13	T-6A	10,248.0	10,481.2	17,290
559th FTS	-0.2	-0.2	International	0	EWC Course	0	T-37B	5368.9	5563.1	8,444
560th FTS	1.5	1.6	NIFT	16	Fundamentals	0	T-38C	5651.1	5645.2	10,204
							T-43	2553.3	2560.3	4,293

Numbers reflect days ahead or behind for senior pilot instructor training class and an average for all PIT classes currently in training.

Numbers reflect students currently in training. The 562nd shows source of navigator students. Air Force students include Air Force Reserve and Air National Guard. The 563rd indicates students in specific courses.

The required and flown numbers reflect hours flown between Oct. 1, 2004 to date. The annual numbers are total hours for fiscal year 2005.

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While our goal is to provide the best programs, products and services to our customers, there will be instances when people believe we could have served them better. In those cases, I ask the individual to first contact the responsible organization to allow the unit commander or manager an opportunity to ensure professional and impartial treatment.

When those officials are unable to provide satisfaction, the individual may contact me through the Action Line. I will ensure each Action Line call is looked into and a reply is given by telephone or in writing. I ask callers to include their name and telephone number so we may send a personal response.

Col. John Hesterman
12th Flying Training Wing commander

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12th FTW Legal Office	652-6781
Base Exchange	674-8917
Civil Engineers	652-2401
Civilian Pay	652-6480
Commissary	652-5102
EEO Complaints	652-3749
Equal Opportunity	652-4376
FW&A Hotline	652-3665
Housing Maintenance	652-1856
Military Pay	652-1851
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Safety Office	652-2224
Security Forces	652-5509
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View from the Top

The 101 critical days of summer

By Gen. Don Cook
Commander of Air Education
and Training Command

I recently received a letter from a concerned citizen about the safety of trainees in the armed forces. While I'm confident commanders and supervisors are taking care of our Airmen, the letter reminded me that the American people expect us to "get it right" when it comes to training and educating their sons and daughters.

Whether in basic military training, technical training, or developmental education, we are responsible for developing high-quality, expeditionary-minded, professional Airmen. The wingman mindset is critical to accomplishing this objective. A fundamental part of developing Airmen is seizing every opportunity to cultivate a wingman mentality in those we entrust to fulfill the Air Force mission. As summer approaches, we

have another opportunity to hone our wingman skills. In the First Command, we're calling the 101 Critical Days of Summer, "Operation Summer Survivor: Xtreme Challenge." The challenge is to top last year's safety record – to go from one fatal mishap to none and to reduce our overall mishap rate by more than 50 percent. Our broader challenge, however, is to integrate the safety programs we typically associate with the 101 Critical Days into a comprehensive initiative to encourage the wingman mindset among the members of our command. When you think about it, encouraging people to practice personal risk management, to buckle their seatbelts or to wear protective equipment is all part of building a wingman culture. That's why AETC installations will conduct another Wingman Day during the last two weeks of May. Wingman Day will kick off Operation Summer



Gen. Don Cook

Survivor because safety is an obvious part of overall wellness. Over the last five years, the Air Force has lost 131 Airmen during the 101 Critical Days of Summer, and we need to eliminate these tragedies once and for all. In addition to addressing such hazards as driving tired and mixing alcohol with water sports, we will also revisit the issues discussed during our last Wingman Day. We are all expeditionary Airmen. The personal stress imposed by the Global War on Terror continues to be profound. We can mitigate this stress by

committing ourselves to the four dimensions of human wellness. And as wingmen we are mutually responsible for preventing suicide and self-destructive behavior among our Airmen. Discuss these issues. Because as much as we'd like the suicide problem to go away, we still have work to do. Like preventing suicide, reinforcing personal and operational safety is a wingman's job. Our safety teams and helping agencies will provide commanders and supervisors with resources to conduct an effective Wingman Day – with an emphasis on small group, face-to-face interaction among Airmen and their supervisors. But when it comes right down to it, we must all ensure our Airmen get the message. We are all Wingmen and we are all responsible for the well-being of our teammates. By internalizing this wingman mindset we will meet the Operation Summer Survivor challenge.

Teamwork provides synergy to get things done

By Maj Jeffrey R. DiBiasi
12th Comptroller Squadron
acting commander

A few years ago, a great leader and mentor sat me down and explained his philosophy of leadership. He said, "Good leaders not only exhibit effective listening skills, credibility and instill motivation, but they embrace teamwork and place it at the cornerstone of their leadership style." When I left his office, I thought I fully understood what he was conveying, but now that I have had the chance to sit as an acting squadron commander, I know precisely what he was telling me. The 12th Comptroller Squadron commander deployed and left me in charge of the squadron. Wing leadership had faith I could do a good job, and things were going well until one of my

military members suffered from what doctors called a brain bleed. My young Airman was getting ready for work when he became dizzy, nauseous and started slurring his words. His roommate immediately called 911 and my troop was rushed to the hospital where emergency surgery saved his life. When the superintendent, first sergeant and I arrived at the hospital, he was still in surgery. One of the attending nurses came out to explain the situation to us, and at that moment, I had no idea what to say or do. However, my superintendent and first sergeant immediately asked the pertinent questions to ensure family members were accurately informed of his condition. After the nurse left, all I could say was, "Guys, I'm sorry; the news just caught me off-guard." They replied, "Sir, we're in this together and we'll get you

through," and folks, that's exactly what they did. As soon as I arrived back to the squadron, I had notes on my desk from some of our team agencies on base eager to assist with financial, housing and spiritual needs for my Airman, his family and the squadron. I realized that in the Air Force you're never alone. You're part of a team and a family. Our strength comes from the people always around to help with any situation, asking for help and accepting it when offered. This is critical to our success. Today, my troop is expected to make a 100 percent recovery. God took care of the physical part of his recovery, while teamwork proved once again, that individual efforts alone make a difference but the synergy provided by a team is the cornerstone of leadership.



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Congratulations Retirees

Today
Master Sgt. Ronald Pierson
12th Flying Training Wing

Wednesday
Master Sgt. Henry Torres, Jr.
Air Force Personnel Center

Trial by jury – The laboratory of democracy

By Capt. Jennifer Powell
12th Flying Training Wing
assistant staff judge advocate

May marks the celebration of Law Day, a date set aside by joint resolution of Congress in 1961 to celebrate rededication to the ideals of equality and justice under laws.

This year's theme is "The American Jury: We the People in Action." According to the American Bar Association, this is a reminder that trial by jury was a right America's founders fought for in gaining American independence. They "saw juries as a cornerstone of freedom, a way for the people to resist the tyranny of an unjust

government." This notion continues to be true, as 95 percent of the world's jury trials are held in the United States.

Juries have a huge impact on America's democratic society. Trial by jury is guaranteed by the 5th, 6th, and 7th Amendments of the Constitution. Today, almost a million Americans serve on juries every year. Entrusting jurors from the community to decide legal issues emphasizes the confidence in Americans to make the right decision in a democratic government.

In a recent American Bar Association study, 78 percent of Americans polled believed "the jury system is the most fair way to determine the guilt or innocence of a person accused of a crime." By giving

everyday people a central role in the justice system, we also put a human face on the law.

Jury duty is both a privilege and a responsibility. It is one of the opportunities Americans have to actively participate in the democratic process and get first-hand knowledge of the legal system. In the military court system, the convening authority personally selects court members or jurors who are best qualified to be impartial and fair in the court proceeding according to characteristics like age, education, training, experience, and length of service. The integrity of the court member selection process is crucial.

When the jury takes an oath to

decide the case "upon the law and the evidence," it will consider the testimony of witnesses and the exhibits admitted in evidence. Experience, common sense and common knowledge the jury possesses should be used in rendering the verdict. To meet this responsibility, the jury must decide the facts and apply the law impartially according to their best judgment. Thomas Jefferson considered jury trials to be "the only anchor yet imagined by man by which a government can be held to the principles of its constitution."

American juries play a crucial role in our legal system. They protect American freedoms and maintain the rule of law.

Spotlight on Justice

The 12th Flying Training Wing legal office announced the following Article 15 actions for the first quarter of 2005.

According to Air Force Pamphlet 36-2241 Volume 1, Nonjudicial Punishment, also known as Article 15 of the Uniform Code of Military Justice, is a disciplinary measure more serious than administrative corrective measures but less serious than trial by court-martial. Article 15 provides commanders with an essential and prompt means of maintaining good order and discipline and also promotes positive behavior changes in servicemembers without the stigma of a court-martial.

Articles 15:

- A senior NCO assigned to a 12th FTW squadron violated UCMJ Articles 89, disrespect towards a commissioned officer; 117, provoking speech and gestures; 128, assault; and 134, disorderly conduct.

The member received a one-stripe reduction, a suspended forfeiture of \$500 a month for two months and a reprimand.

- A junior enlisted member assigned to a 12th FTW squadron violated UCMJ Articles 86, absent without leave; and 107, false official statement.

The member received a reduction of one-stripe and 30 days extra duty.

- A junior enlisted member assigned to a 12th FTW squadron violated UCMJ Article 92, misuse of government travel card.

The member received a reduction of one-stripe, 30 days extra duty and a reprimand.

- A junior enlisted member assigned to a 12th FTW squadron violated UCMJ Articles 86, failure to go; and 107, false official statement.

The member received 30 days correctional custody and a reprimand.

- A junior enlisted member assigned to a 12th

FTW squadron violated UCMJ Article 111, drunken driving.

The member received a reduction of one-stripe, a forfeiture of \$300 a month for two months and a reprimand.

- A junior enlisted member assigned to the Air Force Personnel Center violated UCMJ Article 92, dereliction of duty.

The member received a reduction of one-stripe, a suspended forfeiture of \$820 a month for two months, 30 days extra duty and a reprimand.

- A junior enlisted member assigned to the San Antonio Defense Finance and Accounting Service violated UCMJ Article 92, misuse of a government computer.

The member received a reduction of one-stripe and a reprimand.

There were no courts-martial during the first quarter of 2005.

BRAC information available for affected bases

By Master Sgt. Mitch Gettle
Air Force Print News

WASHINGTON – The secretary of defense is expected to announce the proposed Base Realignment and Closure list during a press conference today.

Air Force officials said they understand the effect BRAC can have on servicemembers, retirees, employees and their families.

To assist people with vital BRAC information, the Air Force is providing a toll-free number, (888) 473-6120, for military and civilian members affected by the BRAC list. Besides the toll-free phone number, the Air Force has an informative BRAC Web page at

www.af.mil/brac.

"This number is available starting today from 8 a.m. to 8 p.m. (EDT) until further notice," said Col. Thomas Fleming, Air Force BRAC response cell director.

Airmen can seek information through their chain of command or contact the public affairs office at the nearest Air Force installation.

BRAC is the congressionally authorized process the Department of Defense uses to reorganize its base structure to more efficiently support its forces and increase operational readiness.

"People are our most valuable asset; and though BRAC is a careful and impartial analysis, people will be affected," Colonel Fleming said. "We care about our people and want to keep them informed."

The Air Force Web page has a breakdown of affected bases from the BRAC list, said Jeff Whitted, Air Force News Service operations division chief.

Local communities surrounding these installations will also be affected. Communities can address their concerns with the BRAC commission by calling (703) 699-2950 Mondays through Fridays from 7 a.m. to 6 p.m. EDT.

The BRAC process takes months to finalize. The secretary of defense's BRAC recommendations are not final. The president's BRAC commission reviews the list for conformity with the office of the secretary of defense's force structure plan and reports its findings to the president by Sept. 8.

Awards

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according to his nomination package. He also created an automated calendar to plot training courses and events. He displayed keen monitoring and tracking abilities for the National Independent Study Center distance learning resulting in 192 course completions and a 100 percent pass rate.

Master Sgt. Walter Butler Jr., won the Air Force Education and Training Manager of the Year Award in the NCO category. Serving as the NCOIC of AFPC's Air Force Education and Training Branch, Sergeant Butler co-authored an Air Force Instruction 36-2301 and 36-2201 rewrite where he corrected 180 items. His resourcefulness in overseeing the processing of 450 7-level swaps within 24 hours saved the Air Force more than \$900,000, according to his

nomination package. Active in his community, Sergeant Butler served with the AFPC Junior Enlisted NCO counsel and Habitat for Humanity

Deborah Horton, a human resources specialist at Headquarters Air Education and Training Command, was chosen as the Air Force Major Command Civilian Action Officer of the year. According to her nomination package, she provides management advisory assistance and policy guidance to

AETC personnel civilian flights on a variety of classification issues and reviews classification actions and operations at AETC bases. Ms. Horton was selected as one of two Air Force personnelists to serve on the Department of Defense National Security Personnel System Compensation Architecture Working Group which designed the new pay system being implemented for more than 300,000 civilian employees at defense installations around the world.



2nd Lt. Andrew Bean
E-3
Tinker AFB, Okla.



Ensign Darrick Berens
E-6
Tinker AFB, Okla.



Ensign Richard Bertram
EP-3
NAS Whidbey Island, Wash.



Ensign Brian Blaydes
E-6
Tinker AFB, Okla.



2nd Lt. Kristin Boneberg
EC-130H (EWO)
Davis-Monthan AFB, Ariz.



2nd Lt. Charles Claphanson
B-52H (EWO)
Barksdale AFB, La.



Ensign Oscar Contreras
P-3
NAS Jacksonville, Fla.



Ensign Derek Ellis
P-3
NAS Jacksonville, Fla.



2nd Lt. Philip Geddes
E-3B Sentry
Tinker AFB, Okla.



2nd Lt. Brett Goebel
C-130
Pope AFB, N.C.



Ensign John Griffith
P-3
NAS Jacksonville, Fla.



2nd Lt. Timothy Groff
RC-135 (EWO)
Offutt AFB, Neb.



2nd Lt. Jesse Hamel
MC-130
Eglin AFB, Fla.



2nd Lt. Mabel Hudspeth
C-130
Dyess AFB, Texas



2nd Lt. Richard Lehtimaki
AC-130 (EWO)
Hurlburt Field, Fla.



2nd Lt. Steven Martina
C-130
Little Rock AFB, Ark.



2nd Lt. Mercedes McDonald
HC-130
Moody AFB, Ga.



2nd Lt. Timothy Novak
LC-130
Stratton ANG, N.Y.



2nd Lt. Andrew Riepe
B-52H (EWO)
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EC-130
Davis-Monthan AFB, Ariz..



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Ensign Eric Weston
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NAS Jacksonville, Fla.

NEWS BRIEFS

Lower Seguin Road to reopen

Officials at the Texas Department of Transportation reported Monday the stretch of Lower Seguin Road from Loop 1604 to the Randolph South Gate reopens May 23.

This section of the road has been closed since November for resurfacing.

The TxDOT spokesman also said the east end of Lower Seguin Road at FM 1518 would close once access to Loop 1604 reopens. When finished, that section of the road would complete the third and final phase of the project to resurface the entire stretch of road between FM 1518 and Loop 1604 that runs along the south side of Randolph.

Chief test dates changes

The Air Force announced the testing window for those competing for chief master sergeant has been moved to the second week in September. For the 05E9 cycle, the testing window is Sept. 13 - 16. Previously, members tested immediately following the Labor Day weekend.

Randolph High School blood drive

Randolph High School hosts a blood drive May 20 from 8:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. in Room 21. All Randolph personnel are welcome to come out and support this event by donating blood.

For more information, call the school at 357-2400.

OEF veterans honored

The City of Live Oak is honoring veterans who served in Afghanistan during Operation Enduring Freedom in their annual Memorial Day Parade May 28. Anyone who served in that operation is invited to ride on a float in the parade. Last year, the parade honored veterans of Deserts Storm and Shield.

Anyone interested in participating in the parade should call Susan Gandy, 12th Flying Training Wing Public Affairs office at 652-4407.

12 FTW Legal Office closure

The 12 FTW Legal Office is closed for official functions on the following days:
May 20 - starting at noon.
May 26 - starting at noon.
May 27 - entire day.

For more information, call 652-6781.

Overseas listing available

The enlisted quarterly assignment listing for overseas requirements for the January through March 2006 cycle is now available.

Airmen need to work through their military personnel flights to update their preferences by May 20. Deployed personnel must work through their PERSCO representative to update assignment preferences. Airmen will be notified of their selection by mid-June.

Airmen can view the lists on the Air Force Personnel Center Web site at <https://afas.afpc.randolph.af.mil/amsweb/master.cfm> or at the local military personnel flight.

AFJROTC instructor opportunities

Air University officials announced there will be 199 new Air Force Junior Reserve Officer Training Course units organized over the next few years. This will provide opportunities for retired or soon-to-be retired Air Force officers and non-commissioned officers to become teachers.

For more details, call Jo Alice Talley at 866-235-7682, ext. 35275 or visit www.afoats.af.mil/AFJROTC.



JSUNT graduation set for today

Seventeen Air Force and eight Navy aviators receive their navigator and naval flight officer wings during a Joint Specialized Undergraduate Navigator Training graduation ceremony here today.

The ceremony is at 10 a.m. in the Randolph Officers' Club.

The guest speaker is Col. Larry Rexford, commander of the 53d Electronic Warfare Group, Eglin Air Force Base, Fla.

As commander of the 53d EWG the colonel oversees

450 military and civilian professionals organized into four squadrons and one detachment.

Colonel Rexford's career reflects a balance of staff and operational leadership positions as an electronic warfare officer, EWO instructor and training flight instructor.

Col. John Hesterman, 12th Flying Training Wing commander, is presenting the students with their respective service's silver wings or gold wings, as well as presenting four special awards during the ceremony for student achievement.

COMMANDER CONNECTION

This column introduces new unit commanders to the base community.



Lt. Col. Robert “Slim” Wittmann
100th Flying Training Squadron commander

- **Date of command:** April 28, 2005
- **100th mission:** As a unit of the U. S. Air Force Reserve, the 100th Flying Training Squadron conducts pilot instructor training in the T-1A Jayhawk, T-38C Talon, T-6 Texan II and T-37 Tweet in association with the flying training squadrons of the 12th Operations Group.
- **Vision for the unit:**
“Provide unmatched support and expertise to the Air Education and Training Command Pilot Instructor Training mission, broaden the Reserve footprint via integration at all levels in AETC, prevent mishaps through education, training, operational readiness and safety programs, create a

- positive work environment for all members of the 100th FTS.”
- **Key to success in the Air Force:**
“Maintain family support, perform your job to the best of your abilities, capitalize on leadership opportunities and respect others.”
 - **Hometown:**
New Orleans
 - **Previous assignments:**
Laughlin Air Force Base, Texas
Randolph AFB, Texas
Malmstrom AFB, Mont.
 - **Most memorable military experience:**
The family of friends I’ve made over my years of service.

‘Link’ to the past



Peter Hennessey and his daughters, Carolyn Weilbacher (center) and Regan Thomas view the antique Link Trainer equipment in the simulator complex here Wednesday. Mr. Hennessey used the trainer when he attended pilot training at Randolph in 1941 before serving as a B-25 and B-26 pilot during World War II. People can view the Link Trainer display on the second floor of Building 738. (Photo by Steve White)

Honoring the spirit of Asian-Pacific culture

By Jennifer Valentin
Wingspread staff writer

"Liberty and Freedom for All," is the theme for this year's Asian-Pacific American Heritage Month celebration taking place on Randolph throughout the month of May.

"Aloha Day" is scheduled for today at the enlisted club. The enlisted club is providing samples of different Asian-Pacific food from 7-8:30 p.m. Asian-Pacific performances and a demonstration of Thai boxing will also take place.

Children are invited to the base library Wednesday at 10 a.m. for a storybook reading hour featuring Asian-Pacific cultures.

"Asian-Pacific Americans come in many shades," said Lika Hatico, Asian-Pacific American project officer. "We welcome all, no matter who you are, but for those islanders that are attending the events, we ask you come in your cultural attire to celebrate your heritage. The committee members worked very hard this year to develop each of these events for education and entertainment purposes."

Asian-Pacific American Heritage Month Contacts

- Lika Hatico - 565-1581
- Chief Master Sgt. Fatima Rosario - 565-2149
- Nani Martinez - 565-1694
- 1st Lt. Tiffany Edge -652-5563
- Reyne Husky - 565-1627
- Staff Sgt. Monica Gines-Rivera - 652-2744
- Maretta Lillo - 652-6271
- Master Sgt. Jacquelyn Carter - 652-5911

Meals for moms



Staff Sgt. Neeley Yarborough (left) and Airman 1st Class Karen Montgomery (foreground), both members of the Air Force Sergeants Association, work with Rosie Rodriguez, Christian Senior Services, to organize gift bags and flowers Sunday that were delivered to nearly 2,400 San Antonio senior citizens as part of the Meals on Wheels Mother's Day program. The event was sponsored by Meals on Wheels, Christian Senior Services and the Air Force Sergeants Association. Recipients received a hot meal, a Mother's Day card from the Girl Scouts, a stuffed animal, a carnation and goodie bag. Seventy AFSA volunteers helped support the event. (Photo by Emma Suominen)

Task force promotes financial well-being

By Melissa Wolford
Family support center

Representatives from the base and surrounding communities are combining efforts to provide Randolph people the services, skills and tools to enhance their financial well-being.

The personal financial management program, chief's group, first sergeant's group, dorm council, public affairs, Randolph-Brooks Federal Credit Union, Eisenhower Bank, Consumer Credit Counseling Services and the staff judge advocate have formed the Randolph Financial Task Force.

"The financial task force mission is to improve the financial literacy of all Randolph personnel, focus on reducing debt-to-income ratios, provide applicable financial education, and prepare people for financial stability in the future," said Steve Mayfield, personal financial management program manager.

The task force has coordinated efforts with 12th Flying Training Wing leadership through the Community Action Information Board.

The task force sponsored the five-week "Credit When Credit is Due" workshop in March, the first of several courses on financial management. The course participants learned credit management tips and acquired tools to help them make sound credit management decisions.

Other programs are being forecasted for the Randolph community.

The task force is also seeking volunteers from the community who are willing to serve as peer financial specialists. Those selected are interviewed and trained to address basic financial management situations.

"There have always been those who are in need of financial assistance but are hesitant to seek out formal help through established programs," said Otis Johnson, Randolph-Brooks Federal Credit Union military liaison officer. "One of our primary focuses is to eliminate the stigma related to seeking help with financial situations facing Randolph personnel. We feel it is important to address this issue and see that everyone has an opportunity to receive the financial guidance they need."

The task force envisions providing financial

management training to supervisors to enhance their knowledge and comfort level in helping their subordinates.

"As a first sergeant, I encounter people in need of guidance as they attempt to manage their finances, and any additional tools we can provide those individuals and their supervisors can only lead to positive results," said Chief Master Sgt. Jack DeForrest, task force member. "The education efforts won't stop there, because the task force also hopes to reach a wide spectrum by making information easily accessible through pertinent newspaper articles and computer-based training on financial management."

As the financial task force seeks to serve the Randolph community in ways that are practical and useful, they gladly encourage and welcome comments and suggestions on issues people would like to see addressed or classes they would like to see offered, Mr. Mayfield said.

For more information, to provide input to the financial task force or to volunteer as a peer financial specialist, call 652-5321.

30 YEARS AGO

in the Wingspread

☆ The House of Representatives voted 303 to 96 to allow women to attend the three service academies. The Senate was expected to go along with the proposal.

☆ The 12th Operations Squadron went out of business. For 15 years, the unit provided airlift support to Randolph people using the T-39 Saberliner. It was redesignated as Detachment 2, 89th Military

Airlift Wing, with headquarters at Andrews Air Force Base in Washington, D.C. All T-39 aircraft in the Air Force were assigned to the Military Airlift Command.

☆ A new training course for functional check flight pilots was set up. Formerly taught at each wing, the new four-week course was designed to prepare pilots for flying the missions that check out aircraft after certain maintenance work is completed.

☆ President Ford declared May 7, 1975, as the end of "the Vietnam Era." Legislation is pending in Congress to end the GI Bill, including educational benefits for new enlistees, but the services are working to preserve educational assistance for persons on active duty.

☆ The 1975 youth baseball season opened with 1,500 people attending the opening ceremonies.

Lackland, Brooks host retiree appreciation fair

By Wayne Bryant
Lackland Air Force Base Public Affairs

Lackland Air Force Base and Brooks City Base are joining forces to honor military retirees throughout the week of May 16-20. In addition, a special Retiree Appreciation Fair is set for May 21 from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. in Mitchell Hall to honor retirees.

"This is our opportunity to honor those in the San Antonio area who have served our nation," said retired Chief Master Sgt. Edna Tart, director of Lackland Retiree Activities Office. "We are pooling our resources with Brooks and opening our doors to a wider range of retired customers."

The Retiree Appreciation Day event features a variety of displays, health screenings and vendors of interest to retired military people. Retired Chief Master Sergeant of the Air Force Bob Gaylor, one of the Air Forces' most well known motivational speakers, will be the guest speaker May 21.

In addition, Lackland's Commissary, Base Exchange and 37th

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Training Wing organizations will feature specials throughout the week.

Lackland is offering retirees the following discounts:

- Gateway Club-Free lunch for any retiree that joins the club during the week of May 16-21
- Gateway Hills Golf Course - \$2 off lunch on Monday and Thursday (Show ID card)
- Bluebonnet Dining Hall - All retirees can eat in the dining hall May 21
- Skills Development Center - A \$16.99 oil change versus the \$20+ normally charged
- Wing Legal Office - Same day walk-in service May 20, along with tacos, coffee and juice from 8:30-11 a.m., for any retiree who needs assistance.

Attorneys will also be available throughout this time.

- MPF – Priority for retirees all day May 20.
 - The 737th Training Group will honor retirees during the basic military training graduation parade at 9 a.m. Also retirees and spouses are encouraged to enjoy a discounted all-you-can-eat buffet lunch with the graduates that day from 10:30 a.m. to 2 p.m.
 - Health and Wellness Center – Provide strength training and body fat analysis all week on a walk-in basis.
- At Brooks City Base, retirees receive:**
- A free car wash with retiree ID presented at the Outdoor Recreation Office

- A \$10 retiree golf special, which includes golf cart, green fees and one range token
- Half-price lunch at Sidney's, with club card
- Half-price dinner at the Boars Head Pub, Club 204, with club card.

"San Antonio's retired military population, of all branches, will find plenty of interesting information at our retiree fair and be offered many specials throughout this week," Chief Tart noted.

"We hope to get hundreds of former military folks out to enjoy the week's specials, ask questions of experts and browse through the displays at Mitchell Hall," he said.

The local commissary and base exchange offer specials throughout the week especially for their retired customers. Both agencies are also providing refreshments and door prizes during the Retiree Appreciation Day event.

For more information, call the local retiree activities offices; at Lackland call 671-2728, at Brooks call 536-2116 or at Fort Sam Houston call 221-2537.

WWII aviator visits old school

By 1st Lt. Denise Burnham
Air Education and Training Command Public Affairs

It seems unlikely a retired colonel would someday sit in his daughter's office more than 65 years from the time it was his cadet dormitory.

"It's interesting and also a little emotional to be sitting in my daughter's office, knowing it was my quarters," retired Col. Gordon Timmons said.

His daughter, Col. Kelly Timmons, is the Air National Guard advisor to the commander of Air Education and Training Command.

The former dormitory now serves as offices for Headquarters AETC and is listed on the National Register of Historic Places.

Colonel Timmons started his pilot training in Oxnard, Calif. Back then the training program was run by civilian flight instructors with military officers providing program oversight. After serving three months in California, he continued flight training for three months here and three months at what was then Brooks Air Force Base, Texas.

"I flew the T-6 (Texan) at Brooks in the spring of 1941," Colonel Timmons said. "I also flew the BC-1 (basic combat trainer), which was an earlier version of the T-6. The BC-1 had some bad stall

characteristics and the T-6 cured that."

After graduating from the academy, Col. Kelly Timmons followed in her father's footsteps and became a pilot, too.

"As kids my brothers got 'I want to be a pilot' books," she said. "I caught the flying bug when I was 12 to 15 years old. Dad had begun to attend WWII Night Fighter reunions and he bought models of the (Bristol) Beaufighter (from Great Britain) and P-61 Black Widow, which I put together for him."

Sixty-five years after Colonel Timmons was a cadet here, he got a chance to tour the squadron that flies today's T-6A Texan II. Seeing the base and the aircraft brought back fond memories, he said.

"Randolph has sort of a mystique about it ... it's a neat place," he said.

During the colonel's 22-year career, the Timmons family moved several times while raising nine children. In addition to Colonel Kelly Timmons, two sons also joined the military.

"The military has come a long way since the 1930s and '40s, and now I see the military is using the talents of women," he said. "I'm very proud of Kelly and all the girls who decide to wear the uniform today."

"It is really a wonderful feeling to share the Air Force heritage with my dad," Colonel Kelly Timmons said.



Lt. Col. Gordon Timmons and his wife Jean Betty in 1947 in front of a T-6 Texan. (Courtesy photo)

High Flying Fun!

Show of appreciation for Randolph junior military, civilians

By Jillian Speake
12th Flying Training Wing Public Affairs

Randolph junior enlisted members have an opportunity to get a jump on summer fun by participating in the 6th Annual Air Force and Civilian Disc Golf Tournament to be held June 4 from 11a.m. to 4 p.m.

Randolph personnel, technical sergeant and below and grade equivalent civilian workers are invited to participate for free. All other participants must pay a \$25 registration fee.

The event is presented each year by

the Randolph Metrocom Chamber of Commerce and the City of Live Oak in conjunction with the city's Annual Park Day, said Joe Painter, city manager for Live Oak.

"Combining the Disc Golf tournament with the Annual Park Day allows participants to enjoy a fun-filled day of activities," said Mr. Painter. The event is held at the City of Live Oak Park.

Disc Golf, a hybrid between Frisbee and golf, requires a person to throw a disc the way a golfer would hit a golf ball to a hole.

Participants receive free playing discs, lunch, a T-shirt, hat and other goody bag items. Experienced disc golfers will be

on hand to provide instruction on how to play disc golf and to participate as team members with new players. Teams will be selected at the park and no experience is needed to have a good time. Chamber and city officials will give away door prizes, donated by local businesses following the tournament. A variety of local businesses join in to help sponsor the event and provide food, gifts and prizes.

"We want to show the younger Team Randolph members how important they are to us," he added. "We also want the families and friends of these individuals to come out and have a good time and see a little bit of what the community

has to offer," added Mr. Painter.

Prior to the Disc Golf tournament, there will be numerous activities commemorating Annual Park Day; beginning with children's fishing from 8 a.m to noon. Other activities include games, arts and crafts, live music and food booths from 4-11 p.m.

To register for the tournament, e-mail your name, unit, organization and phone number to Angelic.Cardenas@randolph.af.mil at the 12th Flying Training Wing Public Affairs Community Relations Office or call 652-4407.

Registration is limited to the first 84 people who sign up.

Angels of Mercy

Nurses Week - May 6-12

The 12th Medical Group has 28 nurses assigned to its team.

There are nurses in the command roles of the 12th MDG and the 12th Medical Operations Squadron. There are also women's health, pediatric and family nurse practitioners, and nurses specializing in programs such as fitness and sexual assault prevention.

The nurses' daily duties include coordinating care for patients assigned to their primary care manager; patient education and disease management for patients with chronic diseases such as diabetes, hypertension and asthma; prevention education; providing telephone advice to patients; family advocacy; and much more. The enlisted nursing staff, or medical technicians, contribute to the nursing mission by performing many of the initial assessments of patients.



Daisy Jacildo, medical service technician, discusses medical information with a patient at the women's health clinic. (Photos by Steve White)



Tech. Sgt. Nicole Marquez de la Plata checks a patient's vital signs. The enlisted nursing staff performs many of the initial assessments of patients.



Irma Johnson, pediatrics clinic, records a boy's medical information while he is waiting to see a doctor.



Chaplain (Capt.) Daniel Giorgi and his wife Karen play with Angelina, Elijah and Jonathan at their home. (Photo by Jennifer Valentin)

Unique challenge binds chaplain's family

"Being a father of three children with autism has really helped my ministry here at the base chapel. It makes me realize my blessings."

By Jennifer Valentin
Wingspread staff writer

Elijah tugs the unfamiliar hand in front of him as a sign he wants to play. Angelina sits in her chair and smiles while sipping her juice. Jonathan is as quiet as a mouse looking for a train to play with.

These are all common things brothers and sisters do at home. However, something unique sets these siblings apart from other children: all three are autistic.

Base Chaplain (Capt.) Daniel Giorgi and his wife Karen share the responsibility of caring for their three children.

"Every day is a challenge for us, but every new day also brings a chance for the kids to learn something new and experience something new in life," said Mrs. Giorgi.

All three of the Giorgi's children developed autism shortly after birth. Six-year-old Elijah developed symptoms in his first year.

"He began acting differently and we could not figure out why," said Mrs. Giorgi. "We took him to doctors and specialists but no one could pinpoint why he was acting so distinctly."

When Elijah was three, a family friend, who was a special education teacher, observed his behavior and right away thought he had signs of autism.

They had him tested and discovered he was autistic. Four-year-old Angelina, who was 18 months at the time, was tested the same day and also diagnosed with autism.

Jonathan, now age two, also showed signs of autism shortly after he was born.

Autism is a developmental disability that typically appears during the first three years of life. It is a result of a neurological disorder that affects the function of the brain, impacting its normal development in the areas of social interaction and communication skills.

"Autism can be triggered by environmental toxins, such as food, water or even vaccinations," said Mrs. Giorgi.

Signs or symptoms of autism include resistance to change; using gestures or pointing instead of words; laughing, crying, or showing distress for reasons not apparent to others; preferring to be alone; difficulty interacting with others; showing little or no eye contact; showing inappropriate attachments

to objects; having uneven motor skills and not being responsive to verbal cues.

"It is becoming common for more than one sibling or even all siblings to have autism," said Mrs. Giorgi.

The Giorgi children all developed autism from copper-zinc imbalances and gastrointestinal problems, said Mrs. Giorgi. This causes the children not to be able to excrete toxins from their body.

"Autism is very traumatic and overwhelming. My wife and I rely on each other for support because it is such a huge responsibility," said Chaplain Giorgi. "Children need constant care no matter what, but children with autism need even more care and attention."

A typical day for the Giorgi family is similar to one for other families, with a lot of extra tasks that need to be done for the children.

In the morning, Mrs. Giorgi takes Elijah to the Treehouse Day Program. This program uses one-on-one Applied Behavioral Analysis therapy to treat his autism.

"The therapy at the program is very effective, teaching basic skills that help Elijah develop," said Mrs. Giorgi.

Angelina and Jonathan attend the Treehouse Pediatric Center. They also receive ABA therapy to help them learn basic skills.

Children with autism cannot perform many tasks most people take for granted, such as being able to imitate someone. For example, if someone points and asks Elijah to do the same thing, he cannot do it.

"The therapy programs help the children develop the skills they need to move on to a regular classroom setting," said Mrs. Giorgi. "The programs include group reading and other activities similar to a school setting."

By late morning, Angelina and Jonathan have lunch with mom. After lunch, Angelina and Elijah are taken for more ABA therapy, and while mom drives, Jonathan takes his nap in the car.

After picking up Angelina and Elijah at the end of the day, the children are fed a special dinner, which includes supplements.

"We found many foods have ingredients that can trigger autism behaviors, so we have to watch what they eat," said Mrs. Giorgi. "Much of their food is organic."

After dinner, Chaplain and Mrs. Giorgi put lotions and creams on the children that help draw the toxins out of their bodies. They get their backpacks ready for the next day of therapy. Around 8:30 p.m., the children are put to bed after a few songs and some time reading from the Bible together.

"We do the best we can," said Chaplain Giorgi. "We have made wonderful improvements in the past few years with therapy and trying new things. If you never try alternative ideas, you'll never know if they work."

It is very hard for the chaplain and his wife to find time to spend with friends, let alone with each other.

"We spend most of our time with the children and don't get to have much time to ourselves," said Chaplain Giorgi. "We find ourselves watching more kid movies instead of grown-up movies."

But all the sacrifices are worth it, said the chaplain, when they see their children making improvements.

"In the early stages of autism, the kids did not even know we were around and wouldn't even call us 'mom' or 'dad.' They wouldn't interact with us at all," said Chaplain Giorgi. "But now, when we play together or hear them call us 'mom' and 'dad,' it makes us cherish the little things that some parents may take for granted."

Statistics from the U.S. Department of Education and other government agencies show autism is growing at a rate of 10-17 percent per year. At these rates, the Autism Society of America Web site estimates the prevalence of autism could reach 4 million Americans in the next decade. Autism is four times more prevalent in boys than girls and has no racial, ethnic or social boundaries. Factors such as family income, lifestyle and education do not affect the chance of autism's occurrence.

This binding tie is what makes the Giorgi family stronger, said the chaplain.

"A lot of families break up when they have to face the reality of autism and the responsibilities that come with it," said Chaplain Giorgi. "Being a father of three children with autism has really helped my ministry here at the base chapel. It makes me realize my blessings. It makes me realize how fortunate I am to have Karen."

"Every day is labor intensive for both Karen and I," said the chaplain. "But we take it one day at a time, wake up and find character with God's strength."

SPORTS BRIEFS

Golf tournament

The Alamo Logistics Officer Association holds their 3rd Annual Golf Tournament May 20 with a lunch at 11:30 a.m., followed by golf at 1:30 p.m. at the Olympia Hills Golf Course.

The price is \$55 and includes green fees, cart, lunch, refreshments and driving range costs.

For more information on T-shirt orders, or to sign up, call Capt. Wade Cornelius at 652-3121.

3-on-3 basketball tournament

A 3-on-3 basketball tournament competition is Wednesday and Thursday from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the fitness center. There is an eight-team limit and awards are given to first and second place winners.

The tournament is free to all active duty, Department of Defense civilians, Non-Appropriated Fund employees and all valid I.D. cardholders age 18 years and older. Pre-registration runs from April 25 to May 15.

For more information, call the fitness center at 652-5316.

Intramural golf openings

Intramural golf currently has 10 base organizations participating. Individuals not assigned to any of these organizations are still eligible to participate if they are active duty, Department of Defense civilians, Non-Appropriated Fund employees, or contractors assigned to Randolph with proper DoD identification.

For more information or to sign up, contact Mike Fisk at 652-6609.

Intramural Bowling Standings		
As of May 2		
Team	W	L
SVS	172	76
AFPC	157	91
AFPOA	148	100
JPPSO	146	102
AETC/SC	144	104
SVS TOO	136	112
DFAS	136	112
AFMA	134	114
AFSAT	133	115
AETC/FM	131	117
AFPC/ESC	128	120
SFS	127	121
AETC/LG	123	125
AFSVA	118	130
RS	114	134
LRS	114	134
AMO #1	112	136
AETC 900	111	137
CPTS	110	138
CS	107	141
MED GP	104	144
AETC/DP	99	149
AMO TOO	96	152
BYE	64	184

TEAM SCRATCH SERIES	
Team	Score
AFPOA	2920
AFPC	2788
AETC/SC	2733
TEAM HANDICAP SERIES	
Team	Score
DFAS	3419
AETC/FM	3371
CPTS	3311
TEAM SCRATCH GAME	
Team	Score
CS	1009
SVS	975
SVS TOO	937
TEAM HANDICAP GAME	
Team	Score
JPPSO	1192
AETC/DP	1168
AFSVA	1145
SCRATCH SERIES	
Men	Score
Mike Wiesmann	678
Tim Pope	649
Jim Layman Jr.	628
Women	Score
Lori Trainor	561
Kim Stokes	444
Zee Hoggard	435

Steps to health



Claudia Sanchez, fitness center aerobics instructor, leads a Thursday morning step aerobics class in the fitness center aerobics room. The base fitness center offers a variety of aerobics classes including: cycling, step aerobics, yoga, body toning and kickboxing. For more information about the classes and schedules contact the fitness center at 652-5316. (Photo by Steve White)

Summer bowling adds up to prizes

By Shelta Reese
12th Services Division

Beginning Sunday, as part of the "Bowl for the Stars & Strikes" promotion, customers at the Randolph Bowling Center receive punch cards when participating in programs at the bowling center.

Sponsored by Coca-Cola, the program offers participants the opportunity to earn rewards by collecting punches on three levels of punch cards – red, white and blue. Through Aug. 15, punches are given for every game bowled or large Coca-Cola fountain beverage purchased at the Spare Time Grille snack bar.

For every 10 punches, patrons receive prizes.

Every punch card completed becomes an entry for monthly prizes. Blue level cards are entered in the \$500 grand prize drawing.

Participants in Bowl for Stars & Strikes also receive a coupon good for a free medium Coca-Cola beverage and two free games of bowling for every card completed.

The Randolph Bowling Center is having a special promotion to start the program. On May 15 from 1-9 p.m., customers can bowl for \$1.25 per person, per game, and enjoy nachos for \$1 from the Spare Time Grille.

"The bowling center is the perfect place to cool off with some healthy, indoor fun," said Bill Baker, bowling center manager. "Our bowling center is now completely non-smoking, so it's the perfect time to get reacquainted with bowling. This summer, the more you visit the Randolph Bowling Center, the greater your chances of winning terrific prizes."

No purchase is necessary to enter to win monthly or grand prizes. For complete information, visit the Randolph Bowling Center.